IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

T.V.S., A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER GUARDIAN, T.S.) CASE NO.:
c/o Edward L. Gilbert Edward L. Gilbert Co., LPA) JUDGE:
One Cascade Plaza, Suite 825)
Akron, Ohio 44308	
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T.S.)
c/o Edward L. Gilbert)
Edward L. Gilbert Co., LPA	COMPLAINT
One Cascade Plaza, Suite 825) (Jury Demand Endorsed Herein)
Akron, Ohio 44308)
Plaintiffs,))
v.))
AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION c/o Patrick Bravo, Board President 70 North Broadway Street Akron, Ohio 44308))))))
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AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT c/o Patrick Bravo, Board President 70 North Broadway Street Akron, Ohio 44308))))
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DAVID W. JAMES Superintendent of Akron City School District (Official Capacity Only) 70 North Broadway Street Akron, Ohio 44308)))))))
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and)
PHILOMENA VINCENTE (Official Capacity and Individual Capacity) Leggett Community Learning Center 333 East Thornton Street Akron, Ohio 44311
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ANN WILD (Official Capacity and Individual Capacity) Leggett Community Learning Center 333 East Thornton Street Akron, Ohio 44311
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CHERYL ARNOLD (Official Capacity and Individual Capacity) Leggett Community Learning Center 333 East Thornton Street Akron, Ohio 44311
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HOLLY DELISI (Official Capacity and Individual Capacity) Leggett Community Learning Center 333 East Thornton Street Akron, Ohio 44311
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. Plaintiffs in this civil rights action are an African-American child ("T.V.S.") with a behavioral and learning disability attending school in the Akron City School District and her mother ("T.S.").
- 2. The Akron City School District ("District") and its employees unlawfully, injuriously, and punitively permitted the abuse of T.V.S., and created a harassing, intimidating, and discriminatory environment for T.V.S. while she was a student at Leggett Community Learning Center ("Leggett CLC").

- 3. The Akron City School District Board of Education ("Board") failed to supervise, train, monitor, and/or maintain protective measures against violent and abusive individuals on Leggett CLC school grounds, an elementary school within the Akron City School District.
- 4. The Board's failure to protect T.V.S. on Leggett CLC school grounds led to the abuse of T.V.S. by a stranger impersonating a police officer who had a limited affiliation with Leggett CLC or the Akron City School District.
- 5. Failure on the part of Akron City School District Superintendent, David W. James ("James") to supervise and monitor Leggett CLC operations gave the abusive individual the opportunity to enter Leggett CLC and abuse T.V.S.
- 6. Defendant, Christopher Hendon ("Hendon"), is an individual who was sentenced in Summit County Court of Common Pleas on or about March 7, 2018 for engaging in illegal activity including impersonating a police officer, kidnapping, and abduction.
- 7. T.V.S., who is also a minor, was subjected to physical and/or emotional abuse by Hendon, with such abuse either deliberately ignored or condoned by Co-Defendants. The actions of the Defendants were primarily earmarked for the poor marginalized African-American children.
- 8. The violence and abuse had no relationship whatsoever to any legitimate educational or other objective but rather was nothing more than intentional painfully injurious conduct toward T.V.S. and his misled guardian. Hendon's conduct toward T.V.S., and the Defendants' acquiescence and cover-up, were inexcusable.
- 9. Defendants' unlawful conduct identified in this Complaint was not in furtherance of efforts to control or discipline students or maintain order or control in the classroom.

- Instead, the injuries to T.V.S. were caused by the Defendants' conscious and flagrant indifference to Plaintiffs' rights.
- 10. Plaintiffs bring this action to seek and obtain monetary compensatory and punitive damages, as well as injunctive relief, for the intentional violations of their rights under the United States Constitution, federal law and state law.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 11. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 12. Jurisdiction is invoked pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, as well as 28 U.S.C.§ 1331, §1343 and §1367 as one or more of the claims arise "under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States."
- 13. Supplemental jurisdiction is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 as the state law claims are so related to the claims within which this Honorable Court has original jurisdiction "that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution."
- 14. Venue is conferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b) as a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in the Northern District of Ohio.
- 15. All jurisdictional requirements have been met. Plaintiffs are not required to exhaust administrative remedies because the causes of action are discrimination-based. See *Fry v. Napoleon Community Schools*,137 S.Ct. 743, 197 L.Ed.2d 46, 2017 WL 685533 (S.Ct. 2017).

PARTIES

- 16. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 17. T.V.S. is an African-American U.S. minor citizen residing in Akron, Summit County, Ohio and at all relevant times, has been a student attending Leggett CLC.
- 18. T.S. is an African-American U.S. citizen residing in Akron, Summit County, Ohio.
- 19. T.V.S. and T.S.'s identities and address are withheld due to the confidential nature of this proceeding and fear of retaliation from persons in the community that are close to several Co-Defendants.
- 20. Defendant, the Akron City School District Board of Education ("Board"), through its President, is the governing body of the Akron City School District and a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Ohio with its principal place of business located at 70 North Broadway Street, Akron, Ohio 44308. The Board is an entity operating under the laws of the State of Ohio and is authorized to sue and be sued as an entity for its acts and those of its agents and employees.
- 21. Defendant, the Akron City School District ("District"), through its President, is a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Ohio with its principal place of business located at 70 North Broadway Street, Akron, Ohio 44308. At all relevant times herein, the District had authority over how T.V.S. was treated while he attended Leggett CLC.
- 22. The District and Board have their primary place of business in Summit County, Ohio.
- 23. Upon information and belief, during all relevant periods of time herein, David W. James ("James") was the superintendent of the District and, in such capacity, was responsible

for the training and supervision of the staff at Leggett CLC. James is being sued in his official capacity. Upon information and belief, Defendant James was a final policymaker for the District with regard to directing and controlling APS staff's conduct and reporting abuse to authorities.

- 24. Upon information and belief, during all relevant periods of time herein, Defendant,

 Philomena Vincente ("Vincente"), is a U.S. citizen and at all relevant times the Principal

 at Leggett CLC charged with the responsibility of assuring that students are properly

 cared for, teachers properly perform their duties, and policies, procedures, and programs
 that protect students from abuse while they attend said school are properly implemented.

 Vincente is sued in her individual and official capacity.
- 25. Upon information and belief, during all relevant periods of time herein, Defendant, Ann Wild ("Wild"), is a U.S. citizen and at all relevant times the teacher of T.V.S., charged with the responsibility of assuring that students are properly supervised and protected from abuse while in her class. Wild is sued in her individual and official capacity.
- 26. Upon information and belief, during all relevant periods of time herein, Defendant, Cheryl Arnold ("Arnold"), is a U.S. citizen and at all relevant times a teacher at Leggett CLC, charged with the responsibility of assuring that students are properly supervised and protected from abuse in the classroom. Arnold is sued in her individual and official capacity.
- 27. Upon information and belief, during all relevant periods of time herein, Defendant, Holly deLisi ("deLisi"), is a U.S. citizen and at all relevant times an office secretary and clerical worker at Leggett CLC, charged with the responsibility of assuring that visitors were

- properly identified and signed in at the office before entering the school. deLisi is sued in her individual and official capacity.
- 28. Upon information and belief, during all relevant periods of time herein, Defendant,
 Patricia Derita ("Derita"), is a U.S. citizen and at all relevant times an office secretary
 and clerical office assistant at Leggett CLC, charged with the responsibility of assuring
 that visitors were properly identified and signed in at the office before entering the
 school. Derita is sued in her individual and official capacity.
- 29. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Christopher Hendon ("Hendon"), is a U.S. citizen and at all relevant times impersonated a police officer and was granted permission to enter Leggett CLC to promote his "scared straight" program that included the abuse of minor students on and off Leggett CLC property.
- 30. Defendant John/Jane Doe Teacher, at all relevant times worked for the District and the Board at Leggett CLC and was charged with the responsibility of assuring that students are properly supervised and protected from abuse while in school. Defendant John/Jane Doe Teacher is sued in his/her individual and official capacity.
- 31. Defendant John/Jane Doe Employee at all relevant times worked for the District and the Board at Leggett CLC and allowed Hendon access to the school building. Defendant John/Jane Doe Employee is sued in his/her individual and official capacity.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 32. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 33. T.V.S. is an African-American minor child.
- 34. T.S. is the African-American mother and guardian of T.V.S.

- 35. T.V.S., at all relevant times, was a student at Leggett CLC in the Akron School District.
- 36. T.V.S. was diagnosed with having learning disorders that impeded her learning.
- 37. T.V.S. has an Individualized Education Program ("IEP"). An IEP is a written statement of the educational program designed to meet a child's individual needs. Every child who receives special education services must have an IEP.
- 38. T.V.S. has received special education services for several years in the Akron City School District.
- 39. On or about April 11, 2017, Wild approached T.V.S. and told her she cheated on a homework paper.
- 40. T.V.S. denied cheating.
- 41. Wild then told T.V.S. to get up out of her seat.
- 42. T.V.S. remained in her seat because she was upset.
- 43. Wild told T.V.S. to leave the classroom but T.V.S. refused. Arnold, another fifth-grade teacher present at the time, tried to assist Wild in getting T.V.S. to leave the classroom.
- 44. Arnold then tipped T.V.S.'s chair, causing T.V.S. to fall out of the chair.
- 45. Wild witnessed Arnold tip the chair.
- 46. T.V.S. got off of the floor and leaned on her desk.
- 47. Arnold then shoved books in T.V.S.'s arms, but T.V.S. spread out her arms quickly and the books landed on the floor.
- 48. Arnold then went to the phone and asked for an administrator, but Hendon came to the room instead.
- 49. Hendon told Wild and Arnold to leave the girl with him and he would handle the problem.

- 50. Hendon turned on the lights and closed the door.
- 51. Wild and Arnold then left T.V.S. unsupervised in the room with Hendon and went downstairs.
- 52. T.V.S. and Hendon were the only two in the room.
- 53. In fact, T.V.S. was alone on the entire second floor with Hendon.
- 54. Hendon told T.V.S. to pick up the books.
- 55. Hendon then cursed and yelled at her stating "If your mom was here she would whoop you."
- 56. T.V.S. started crying.
- 57. Hendon told T.V.S. to go to her locker, which is located inside the classroom.
- 58. T.V.S. went to her locker slowly. Hendon told her to hurry up.
- 59. T.V.S. then grabbed her book bag.
- 60. Wild and Arnold came back upstairs.
- 61. T.V.S. and Hendon then walked down the hall to Wild and Arnold.
- 62. Hendon told T.V.S. to apologize.
- 63. He then pulled out handcuffs as if he were going to handcuff T.V.S. and told her to say it right. He made her say "I am sorry. I should have listened to you the first time." He then told her to admit she was cheating.
- 64. Hendon told T.V.S. to apologize again three times.
- 65. Hendon then asked T.V.S. why she was so mad if she was not cheating.
- 66. They went downstairs and T.V.S. told another teacher, Morrison, she did not want to go to Akron After School and wanted to go home.

- 67. T.V.S., Hendon and Morrison went to the nurse's office.
- 68. Morrison called T.S. and said T.V.S. had an "incident."
- 69. Hendon then sat next to T.V.S. and tried to hug her and said "your eyes look like you ate a whole bag of Hot Cheetos." Morrison witnessed this.
- 70. T.S. arrived at the school five to six minutes later. It was apparent to T.S. that T.V.S. had been crying heavily.
- 71. T.V.S. started crying again and said "they said I was cheating."
- 72. T.V.S. denied cheating on her test but would not tell T.S. why she was crying or what happened after Wild and Arnold left her unsupervised in the classroom with Hendon.
- 73. Hendon said "Didn't I tell you your mom was going to kick your mother fucking ass?"
- 74. T.S. was offended by the language Hendon used toward her daughter in her presence.
- 75. When T.V.S. and T.S. left the school and got into the car, T.V.S. began to cry very heavily, stated that she was afraid, and told T.S. what happened while she was alone with Hendon.
- 76. T.V.S. saw Hendon next day in the office when she needed her inhaler for asthma. Wild took a female classmate to Hendon and said to him "Excuse me, I need you to deal with this bad child."
- 77. The next time she saw Hendon was on the news.
- 78. All parties were aware of Hendon's presence at Leggett CLC.
- 79. Hendon conducted a "scared straight" mentor program at Leggett CLC with Defendants' knowledge and permission.
- 80. Hendon was never an administrator or employee at Leggett CLC.

- 81. Hendon was wearing, and often wore on Leggett CLC property, an all black police uniform and vest with a badge that was partly covered with black tape.
- 82. Hendon openly carried a gun and held himself out as an officer of the peace/resource officer.
- 83. Hendon gained access to the building because deLisi and Derita would buzz him into the building.
- 84. Hendon had no credentials or training as a law enforcement or school resource officer, and Defendants knew or should have known that Hendon had lacked the proper credentials and training to be a law enforcement officer. However, Defendants held Hendon out to the community as having proper credentials.
- 85. On or about April 11, 2017, all Defendants falsely represented Hendon to T.V.S. and T.S. As a result of Defendants' misrepresentation, Hendon was left unsupervised with T.V.S. and permitted to interact with T.V.S. and T.S. on Leggett CLC property.
- 86. Most White students were not similarly treated.
- 87. Even after she found out about Hendon's misrepresentation, Vincente still did not report Hendon's abuse of T.V.S.
- 88. On other occasions, Hendon put handcuffs on other children while they were on school property. Teachers and other employees were present when this behavior took place including Vincente, Wild, Arnold, deLisi, Derita, Defendant John or Jane Doe Employee, and/or John or Jane Doe Teacher.
- 89. On April 24, 2017, Hendon was arrested for impersonating a law enforcement officer/resource officer for the Akron City School District.

- 90. Hendon was indicted on 61 felony counts and later pled guilty to seven counts of kidnapping, six counts of abduction, fifteen counts of impersonating a police officer and three counts of illegal conveyance of a weapon into school.
- 91. Ever since the incident involving Hendon, T.S. has observed T.V.S. struggle more with her behavior and learning.
- 92. On or about March 7, 2018, Hendon was sentenced to 5 years, 11 months years in prison.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Denial of 14th Amendment Right (Substantive Due Process)

- 93. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 94. Plaintiffs bring this claim pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1988 for violations of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 95. Plaintiff brings this claim against all Defendants.
- 96. Defendants are persons for purposes of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 liability.
- 97. Defendants are not entitled to qualified immunity as the Complaint states a constitutional right, which was clearly established at the time of Defendants' misconduct.
- 98. By their actions, as described herein, Defendants, as a part of a custom, policy and/or practice, subjected T.V.S. to the deprivation of the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and law. In particular, as a student in a public school, Plaintiff has a liberty interest in personal security and freedom from restraint and infliction of pain through a course of conduct that shocks the conscience.
- 99. Under Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3313.64, the State of Ohio confers a right upon T.V.S. to receive a free public education.

- 100. Such a right is a property and/or liberty interest, within the meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 101. Under Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3313.666, the State of Ohio further entitles T.V.S. to receive that education in a school environment that is free of harassment, intimidation, or bullying on school property. Moreover, Defendants are required to create and maintain procedures that prohibit harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and require school personnel to report prohibited incidents.
- 102. Accordingly, Plaintiffs have a property and/or liberty interest¹ in such a school environment that is included within the substantive component of the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause to the U.S. Constitution.
- 103. Plaintiffs state that Defendants used their authority as Leggett CLC employees and administrators to arbitrarily deprive T.V.S. of this interest and her interest in bodily integrity.²
- 104. Defendant Vincente is the Principal at Leggett CLC and is responsible for supervising and overseeing the policies, procedures, and operations of Leggett CLC, as well as creating and implementing the school's policies. Such policies include the requirement that signs restricting firearms are present and visible, that all individuals

¹ Protected interests in property "are created and their dimensions are defined by existing rules or understandings that stem from an independent source such as state law—rules or understandings that secure certain benefits and that support claims of entitlement to those benefits." *Bd. of Regents of State Colleges v. Roth*, 408 U.S. 564, 577 (1972).

² "A governmental actor may, however, violate the due process clause by allowing a third party to harm a person in government custody...or by creating a particular danger to the victim. This latter theory of liability... has been recognized in this Circuit as a viable species of substantive due process claim." *Kallstrom v. City of Columbus*, 136 F.3d 1055, 1065-67 (6th Cir.1998).

- entering the building sign in and all individuals exiting the building sign out, and that students are supervised by Leggett CLC employees and administrators.
- 105. Defendants deLisi and Derita have office positions in the Leggett CLC office, and allow access to individuals who enter the building.
- 106. Defendants Wild and Arnold are teachers at Leggett CLC, tasked with supervising and monitoring the safety and wellbeing of students while they are in school.
- 107. Defendants had a duty to implement and follow policies, practices, and procedures which respected and preserved Plaintiffs' constitutional rights. Defendants failed to implement such policies and/or the policies implemented by Defendants were constitutionally inadequate.
- 108. Plaintiffs state that Defendant Vincente, through her affirmative actions, ignored policies and procedures and/or implemented policies and procedures that infringed on Plaintiffs' constitutional rights, and directly and intentionally placed T.V.S. in a position where there would be a risk to her health and safety.
- In other words, Defendant Vincente's deliberate indifference endangered T.V.S., and created a risk of harm by permitting Hendon, a private person carrying a firearm with no law enforcement or administrative background, to enter Leggett CLC on multiple occasions without signing into the building. Moreover, Defendant Vincente permitted Hendon to harass, intimidate, and bully T.V.S. in an unsupervised environment on Leggett CLC property. Defendant Vincente knew of and disregarded the risk Hendon posed to T.V.S.'s safety, thus creating the danger.
- 110. Plaintiffs state that Defendants deLisi and Derita, through their affirmative actions and deliberate indifference, ignored policies and procedures and/or implemented policies

- and procedures, and endangered T.V.S. by permitting Hendon, a private person carrying a firearm with no law enforcement or administrative background, to enter Leggett CLC on multiple occasions without signing into the building.
- 111. Plaintiffs state that Defendants Wild and Arnold, through their affirmative actions and deliberate indifference, ignored policies and procedures and/or implemented policies and procedures, and endangered T.V.S. by allowing Hendon to be alone with T.V.S. unsupervised in a room where she was threatened by him.
- Plaintiffs state that Defendant Wild and Defendant Arnold endangered T.V.S.'s health and safety, and knowingly disregarded the risk Hendon posed to T.V.S.'s safety, thus creating the danger.
- Plaintiffs further state that Defendants violated a fundamental right granted to T.S.
- 114. The District, the Board, James, Vincente, deLisi, Derita, Wild, and Arnold knowingly permitted, authorized, and sanctioned harm to T.V.S.
- 115. Defendants' actions and/or omissions, as described herein, were taken in accordance with the District and Board's custom and/or policy, or were ratified by the District and Board, such that the District and Board adopted such practices, customs, or policies.
- 116. Defendants knew or reasonably should have known about the abusive practices with respect to T.V.S. The abusive and unconstitutional practices Defendants regularly undertook are so well settled as to constitute a custom or usage in the District. Yet, Defendants failed to take any affirmative actions to provide for the safety and well-being of African-American children with disabilities in Defendants' care, including T.V.S.

- 117. Defendants' actions, as described above, were objectively unreasonable, willful and wanton, and shocking to the conscience in light of the facts and circumstances surrounding the assault inflicted on T.V.S., an African-American child with disabilities, and entrusted to Defendants' care.
- 118. The conduct of the individual Defendants described herein violated clearly established rights of Plaintiffs of which reasonable people in the Defendants' position knew or should have known.
- Defendants knew or should have known that the State of Ohio Department of Education policies and state law forbade the use of unreasonable and unnecessary force.

 Defendants nonetheless continued these customs, policies, and/or practices.
- Defendants are the final policy-makers for purposes of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 liability.
- 121. T.V.S., like all United States citizens, has the substantive due process constitutional right to personal security and bodily integrity.
- 122. T.V.S. also has the substantive due process constitutional right to be free from arbitrary government conduct that lacks all socially redeeming value.
- 123. The relationship between T.V.S. and the Defendants was not voluntary. T.V.S. was required by law to attend the District's schools, in general, and Defendant Wild's class, in particular.
- Defendants deprived T.V.S. of her constitutional right to substantive due process by engaging in arbitrary actions and omissions towards her that was of such an extreme nature as to shock the conscience. Vincente, Wild, Arnold, deLisi, Derita, and Hendon acted unlawfully and James acquiesced as a supervisor and final policymakers for the District.

- Defendants' conduct amounted to a tacit authorization of the abuse.
- 126. Defendants acted under color of law to deprive Plaintiffs of their protected property interests under the Due Process Clause.
- 127. None of the Defendants were pursuing any legitimate governmental purpose by allowing Hendon to verbally and physically intimidate, harass, and abuse T.V.S.
- 128. As a direct and proximate result of the actions described above, Plaintiffs sustained actual damages, including injuries to T.V.S.'s person, pain, severe and grievous mental and emotional suffering, humiliation, shame, embarrassment, worry, fear, anguish, shock, nervousness and anxiety as well as future damages.
- 129. The Supreme Court has recognized a "fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children." *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57, 66, 120 S.Ct. 2054, (2000).
- 130. Hendon was not employed by Leggett CLC or the Akron City School District, nor does he have administrative or law enforcement training.
- 131. Defendants usurped T.S.'s fundamental right to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of T.V.S. by allowing Hendon to discipline T.V.S. without informed consent, and by allowing Hendon to take control over T.V.S. without informed consent.
- 132. Defendants violated T.S.'s recognized fundamental right by refusing to ask for her input or following school disciplinary procedure.
- 133. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs demand injunctive relief against all Defendants in their official capacity for violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, T.V.S.'s substantive due process rights, and T.S.'s fundamental right to make decisions concerning control over T.V.S.

Plaintiffs also request that this Court award Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper against Defendants Board and District, Defendant James in his official capacity, and against Defendants Vincente, Wild, Arnold, deLisi and Derita in their official and individual capacity.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Denial of Plaintiffs' 14th Amendment Right (Equal Protection of the Law)

- 134. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 135. T.V.S. and her guardian, like all United States citizens, have the right to equal protection of the laws.
- 136. Without any lawful basis, Defendants treated T.V.S. differently than they treated typically developing children, and parents and guardians of typically developing children.
- 137. With regard to how Defendants abusively and with deliberate indifference treated T.V.S. as described in this Complaint, and how they refused to provide notice of that abusive treatment to T.V.S.'s guardian, Defendants had no lawful basis whatsoever.
- 138. By their actions, as described herein, Defendants, under color of statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, subjected T.V.S. to the deprivation of the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and law.
- 139. Defendants discriminated against T.V.S., in whole or in part, because of her status as an African-American child with a disability, denying her equal protection under the law as required under the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

- 140. T.V.S. was assaulted based, in whole or in part, due to her race as an African-American.
- 141. T.V.S. was assaulted based, in whole or in part, on her disabilities or manifestations of her disabilities.
- Students without disabilities were not subjected to the abuses T.V.S. was subjected to, as described herein. This difference in treatment was due, in whole or part, to T.V.S.'s status as a student with disabilities.
- Non-minority students were not subjected to the abuses T.V.S. was subjected to, as described herein. This difference in treatment was due, in whole or part, to T.V.S.'s race, African-American.
- 144. Non-disabled or non-minority students were not subjected to Hendon's maltreatment. This abusive and illegal treatment was reserved solely for children with disabilities and/or minorities.
- 145. Defendants' decision to treat disabled students, including T.V.S., worse than the rest of the student population is unconstitutional.
- 146. Defendants' decision to treat minority students, including T.V.S., worse than the rest of the student population is unconstitutional.
- 147. Defendants' actions or omissions shock the conscience and cannot be justified as relating to any rational basis.
- 148. The acts or omissions of Defendants were conducted within the scope of their official duties and employment under color of law.

- 149. Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that the Defendants had a pattern and practice of treating disabled students and their families differently than typically developing children and their families.
- 150. Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that the Defendants had a pattern and practice of treating minority students and their families differently than non-minority children and their families.
- Defendants' intentional disparate treatment of Plaintiffs violated their right to equal protection of the laws.
- 152. The actions of Defendants, as described herein, intentionally deprived Plaintiffs of the securities, rights, privileges, liberties, and immunities secured by the Constitution of the United States of America and caused other damages in amounts to be ascertained at trial.
- their official capacity for violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, T.V.S.'s substantive due process rights, and T.S.'s fundamental right to make decisions concerning control over T.V.S. Plaintiffs also request that this Court award Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper against Defendants Board and District, Defendant James in his official capacity, and against Defendants Vincente, Wild, Arnold, deLisi, and Derita in their official and individual capacity.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Supervisory Liability - Failure to Train and Supervise (42 U.S.C. § 1983)

- 154. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 155. The Supervisory Defendants (the Board, District, Vincente, and James) each have duties to train and supervise teachers and other personnel in order to ensure the safety and well-being of students entrusted to their care and supervision.
- 156. Each of the Supervisory Defendants failed to discharge these duties.
- 157. The Supervisory Defendants acted intentionally in failing to adequately train and supervise teachers and other personnel.
- 158. As a result, T.V.S. was harmed when Defendants allowed Hendon to verbally and physically assault T.V.S.
- 159. The assault has caused T.V.S. significant trauma.
- 160. Had the Supervisory Defendants made any effort to properly train and supervise Wild and Arnold, T.V.S. would not likely have suffered this egregious and conscience-shocking abuse by Hendon, nor would T.V.S. have likely sustained the damages that she has sustained and will sustain in the future.
- 161. The Supervisory Defendants' failure to properly train and supervise their subordinate employee was the moving force and proximate cause of the violation of T.V.S.'s constitutional rights as described herein.
- 162. The acts and/or omissions of Defendants were conducted within the scope of their official duties and employment and under color of law.

- 163. The acts and/or omissions of the Supervisory Defendants caused T.V.S.'s damages in that she suffered extreme physical and mental pain and the lasting damage that she will endure in the future.
- The actions of the Supervisory Defendants, as described herein, deprived T.V.S. of the rights, privileges, liberties, and immunities secured by the Constitution of the United States of America and caused her other lasting damages.
- their official capacity for violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, T.V.S.'s substantive due process rights, and T.S.'s fundamental right to make decisions concerning control over T.V.S. Plaintiffs also request that this Court award Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper against Defendants Board and District, Defendant James in his official capacity, and against Defendants Vincente, Wild, and Arnold in their official capacity and individual capacity.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §§ 794 et seq.)

- 166. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 167. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794 ("Section 504"), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 34 C.F.R. Part 104, prohibit

- discrimination against persons with disabilities. T.V.S. has learning and behavioral disabilities as alleged previously and is a protected person under Section 504.
- 168. Section 504 prohibits the exclusion from the participation in, or being denied the benefits of, or being subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Congressional authority to condition federal funding under this Act is derived from the enumerated powers contained in Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.
- 169. The Akron City School District is a recipient of federal financial assistance.
- 170. The practices described above, including but not limited to, permitting Hendon to assault T.V.S., were discriminatory and denied T.V.S. the benefits of participation in a public school education.
- 171. Students without disabilities were not subjected to the abuses T.V.S. was subjected to, as described herein. This difference in treatment was due, in whole or part, to T.V.S.'s status as a student with disabilities. Non-disabled were not subjected to Hendon's maltreatment. This abusive and illegal treatment was reserved solely for T.V.S., a child with disabilities.
- 172. Defendants have violated T.V.S.'s rights under Section 504 and the regulations promulgated thereunder by denying T.V.S. the benefits of receiving full and equal access to the public education programs and activities offered within the District.
- 173. Defendants' practices were intentionally discriminatory and were taken with deliberate indifference to the strong likelihood that the practices would result in a violation of T.V.S.'s federally protected rights.

- As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of Section 504, T.V.S. has suffered, continues to suffer, and will suffer in the future injuries to her person including, but not limited to, pain, humiliation, anxiety, mental anguish, emotional distress, and damage to his personal relations in amounts to be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 175. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs demand compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper against Defendants in their official capacity only.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Violation of The Americans With Disabilities Act ("ADA") (42 U.S.C. §§12131 et seq.)

- 176. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 177. Title II of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. §12131 et seq. and the regulations thereunder, 28 C.F.R. Part 35, governing state and local governmental entities, protects persons from discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities. T.V.S. has learning and behavioral disabilities as alleged previously and is a protected person under the ADA.
- 178. The ADA prohibits the exclusion from participation in, or being denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the public entity, or being subjected to discrimination by such entity.
- 179. The discriminatory practices described herein excluded T.V.S. from participating in and receiving the benefits of a public school education.

- 180. Defendants' practices were intentionally discriminatory and exhibited a deliberate indifference to the strong likelihood that the pursuit of these practices would result in a violation of T.V.S.'s federally protected rights.
- 181. Defendants violated T.V.S.'s rights under the ADA and the regulations promulgated thereunder, denying T.V.S. the benefits of the services, programs, and activities to which he was otherwise entitled. T.V.S. was mistreated in violation of law as a direct result of her disabilities, and the manifestation of these disabilities.
- 182. Students without disabilities were not subjected to the abuses T.V.S. was subjected to, as described herein. This difference in treatment was due, in whole or part, to T.V.S.'s status as a student with disabilities. Non-disabled were not subjected to Hendon's maltreatment. This abusive and illegal treatment was reserved solely for T.V.S., a child with disabilities.
- 183. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of the ADA, T.V.S. has suffered and continues to suffer injuries to her person, including, but not limited to, pain, humiliation, anxiety, mental anguish, emotional distress and damage to his personal relations in amounts to be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 184. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs demand compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper against Defendants in their official capacity only.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

- 185. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Defendants receive Federal financial assistance and are subject to Title VI requirements.
- 187. T.V.S. is African-American; therefore, she is in a protected class.
- 188. T.V.S. has a protected right to be free from race-based discrimination and harassment under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- 189. T.V.S. was subjected to intentional discrimination, harassment, and assault due to her race.
- 190. Most, if not all, the students affected by the "Hendon scared straight" program were African-American.
- 191. This race-based harassment/assault created a hostile educational environment.
- 192. As a direct and proximate cause of the hostile educational environment that was allowed to flourish due to Defendants' deliberate indifference, T.V.S. experienced such severe, pervasive, and/or objectively offensive race-based harassment that she was deprived of equal access to educational benefits or opportunities.
- 193. As a result of Defendants' failure to comply with its duty under § 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, et seq., and its implementing

- regulations, T.V.S. has suffered damages including special and general damages according to proof.
- 194. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs demand compensatory damages of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, back pay, front pay, attorneys' fees, reinstatement, costs, and any other relief this Court may deem is fair and equitable against the Board, the District, and the individual Defendants in their official capacity only.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Failure to Report Child Abuse (Ohio Rev. Code 2151.421)

- 195. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- Defendants failed to conduct a proprietary function pursuant to Ohio Revised

 Code 2744.02 (B)(2) and/or are liable for not properly conducting a governmental

 function within a government building pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2744.02 (B)(4).
- 197. T.V.S. was an abused child under R.C. § 2151.031.
- 198. Defendants were aware that Hendon used profanity in front of T.V.S. in addition to using profanity in front of other students at Leggett CLC.
- 199. Defendants were aware that Hendon threatened to put handcuffs on T.V.S. in addition to handcuffing other children while they were on school property.
- 200. Defendants were aware that T.V.S. was an abused child under the statute.

- 201. This child abuse was not reported by Defendants, as required under R.C. §
 2151.421. As a result of these Defendants' failure to report child abuse, T.V.S. suffered further injury, including mental anguish and severe emotional injury.
- 202. Despite the plain language and meaning of R.C. § 2151.421, Defendants failed to report the abuse to the public children services or local law enforcement.
- 203. Defendants Vincente, Wild, and Arnold knew or had reasonable cause to suspect that T.V.S. suffered physical and mental injury that reasonably indicated abuse when Defendant Wild and Arnold left T.V.S. in a room with Hendon without any supervision from Leggett CLC employees or teachers. Defendants Vincente, Wild, and Arnold failed to immediately report this abuse.
- 204. Defendants Vincente and Wild had reasonable cause to suspect that T.V.S. suffered physical and mental injury that reasonably indicated abuse when Defendants previously witnessed Hendon handcuffing innocent children at Leggett CLC and allowed Hendon to be in a room on school property alone with T.V.S.
- 205. Defendants knew that Hendon's physical and verbal abuse of T.V.S. constituted child abuse against him under R.C. § 2151.031. However, Defendants did not report the child abuse, as required by R.C. § 2151.421.
- 206. Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs because their conduct falls outside of the protections afforded to them by the General Assembly, and their failure to report T.V.S.'s abuse caused further injury to Plaintiffs.
- 207. **WHEREFORE**, by failing to report suspected child abuse pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 2151.42, Plaintiffs request that this Court award Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of

\$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION Negligence

- 208. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 209. Defendants were negligent in conducting a proprietary function pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2744.02 (B)(2) and/or were negligent in conducting a governmental function within a government building pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2744.02 (B)(4).
- 210. Defendants have a duty of care to take reasonable care to ensure that their acts or omissions do not cause reasonably foreseeable injury to their pupils.
- 211. Defendants further have a duty to maintain custody and control of the Leggett CLC building and supervise the student body.
- 212. Defendants breached that duty by allowing Hendon to gain access to the building and by permitting Hendon to interact with and assault T.V.S. in an unsupervised area of the building.
- 213. Plaintiffs suffered personal injury as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' failure to exercise reasonable care in the performance of their duties.
- 214. In the alternative, Defendants, by maintaining custody and control of the building and student body, engaged in an activity that is outside of the scope of their responsibilities and obligations, which suggests that the activity was outside of the scope of their employment, and thus proprietary in nature, rendering Defendants liable to Plaintiffs for the injuries that their conduct caused Plaintiffs.

- 215. In the alternative, to the extent it is determined that Defendants authorized and/or approved and/or permitted Hendon to gain access to the building and student body, Defendants' activities are not functions expressly delegated to them and are not activities performed in connection with either a governmental or proprietary function. Defendants, therefore, are liable for their willful and wanton conduct, because their conduct falls outside of the protections afforded to them by the General Assembly and because the conduct caused injuries to Plaintiffs.
- 216. Defendants' actions or omissions produced Plaintiffs' injuries. Plaintiffs would not have suffered their injuries, but for Defendants' behavior.
- 217. An ordinarily prudent person could have reasonably foreseen that Defendants' conduct would likely lead to Plaintiffs suffering some injury.
- 218. Defendants' actions demonstrate recklessness, malice, willful and wanton conduct.
- 219. As a proximate cause of Defendants' negligent conduct, Plaintiffs have suffered injuries including serious emotional distress.
- 220. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs request that this Court award Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION Negligence Per Se - Ohio Revised Code § 2919.22

221. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.

- 222. Ohio Revised Code § 2919.22 specifically mandates that no person having custody or control of a child under 18 years of age shall create a substantial risk to the health or safety of the child, by violating a duty of care, protection, or support. R.C. § 2919.22 further mandates that no person shall abuse such child; torture or cruelly abuse such child; or administer corporal punishment or other physical disciplinary measure, or physically restrain such child in a cruel manner or for a prolonged period, which punishment, discipline, or restraint is excessive under the circumstances and creates a substantial risk of serious physical harm to the child.
- 223. Defendants, by virtue of their relationship with T.V.S., had custody and control of T.V.S. while she was in school.
- Defendants' actions taken against T.V.S. were in direct violation of R.C. § 2919.22.
- 225. T.V.S. experienced physical pain, trauma and significant emotional distress as a result of allowing Hendon to come in contact with T.V.S.
- Defendants had a duty to protect T.V.S. from assault as prohibited by Ohio law.
- 227. Said actions are a violation of Ohio Revised Code § 2903.13 (assault) for which there is civil liability pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §2307.60.
- 228. Defendants' intentional and reckless violation of R.C. § 2151.421 constitutes negligence *per se*.
- As a direct consequence of these actions, T.V.S. has suffered and continues to suffer mental anguish, embarrassment, humiliation, pain and suffering, for which she is entitled to compensatory damages and attorney's fees.

230. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs request that this Court award Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Negligence Per Se - Ohio Revised Code § 2151.421

- 231. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 232. Ohio Revised Code § 2151.421 specifically mandates that Defendants were to report Hendon's conduct to the appropriate authorities.
- 233. Defendants intentionally and recklessly failed to timely report Hendon's conduct to the appropriate authorities.
- 234. R.C. 2151.421 imposed that specific and mandatory reporting duty on the Defendants for the safety and protection of T.V.S.
- 235. Defendants intentionally and recklessly failed to comply with the mandates of R.C. 2151.421.
- 236. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendants' intentional and reckless violation of R.C. 2151.421, the Plaintiff children have suffered the type of injuries the statute was designed to protect against.
- 237. The Defendants' violation of R.C. 2151.421 is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- 238. The Defendants' intentional and reckless violation of R.C. § 2151.421 constitutes negligence *per se*.

239. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs demand compensatory damages of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorneys' fees, costs, and any other relief this Court may deem is fair and equitable against all Defendants.

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Negligent Training/Supervision under Ohio Law

- 240. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 241. The Supervisory Defendants (Board, District, James and Vincente) each have duties to train and supervise teachers and other personnel in order to ensure the safety and well-being of students entrusted to their care and supervision.
- Each of the Supervisory Defendants failed to discharge these duties.
- 243. The Supervisory Defendants acted intentionally in failing to adequately train and supervise teachers like Wild and Arnold and other personnel like deLisi and Derita.
- 244. As a result, T.V.S. was harmed when Defendants allowed Hendon to verbally and physically assault T.V.S.
- 245. The threats and assault have caused T.V.S. significant trauma.
- 246. Had the Supervisory Defendants made any effort to properly train and supervise Vincente, Wild, Arnold, deLisi and Derita, T.V.S. would not likely have suffered this egregious and conscience-shocking abuse by Hendon, nor would T.V.S. have likely sustained the damages that she has sustained and will sustain in the future.
- 247. The Supervisory Defendants' failure to properly train and supervise their subordinate employees was the moving force and proximate cause of the violation of T.V.S.'s constitutional rights as described herein.

- 248. The acts and/or omissions of Defendants were conducted within the scope of their official duties and employment and under color of law.
- 249. The acts and/or omissions of the Supervisory Defendants caused T.V.S.'s damages in that she suffered extreme physical and mental pain and the lasting damage that she will endure in the future.
- 250. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs demand compensatory damages of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorneys' fees, costs, and any other relief this Court may deem is fair and equitable against the District, the Board, Allison, and Grubbs.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Premises Liability

- 251. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 252. Defendants failed to conduct a proprietary function pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2744.02 (B)(2) and/or are liable for not properly conducting a governmental function within a government building pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2744.02 (B)(4).
- 253. Plaintiffs state that Defendants have custody and control over Leggett CLC school property.
- 254. Plaintiffs state that T.V.S., as a student attending Leggett CLC, was an invitee included in the class of people Defendants expect to be on Leggett CLC school property.
- 255. Plaintiffs state that Defendants owed T.V.S. a duty to exercise ordinary and reasonable care to keep the premises safe, and to protect T.V.S. from an unreasonable risk of physical harm.

- 256. Plaintiffs state that each of the Defendants breached the duty of care owed to T.V.S. by not protecting her from an unreasonable risk of physical harm when Defendants authorized and/or approved and/or permitted Hendon to gain access to the building and allow Hendon to interact with T.V.S. in an unsupervised location.
- 257. Plaintiffs further state that Defendants' breach of the duty owed to T.V.S. proximately caused T.V.S.'s injuries.
- 258. Accordingly, Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs, because by failing to keep the premises safe, their conduct falls outside of the protections afforded to them by the General Assembly, and such conduct caused injuries to Plaintiffs.
- 259. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs request that this Court award Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Invasion of Privacy

- 260. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 261. Defendants failed to conduct a proprietary function pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2744.02 (B)(2) and/or are liable for not properly conducting a governmental function within a government building pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2744.02 (B)(4).
- 262. Plaintiffs state that Defendants intentionally and unreasonably intruded upon Plaintiffs' private affairs and concerns when Defendants gave Hendon, a third person who is not employed by Leggett CLC, access to T.V.S. and revealed her identity.

- 263. Such information is further protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, which prohibits the disclosure of information unless a parent or guardian consents to the disclosure.
- Plaintiffs state that the nonconsensual disclosure of T.V.S.'s identity would be highly offensive to a reasonable person, because the private information was given to Hendon who is not a parent, guardian, or employee, and who does not need to know a minor child's identity. Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs, because their conduct falls outside of the protections afforded to them by the General Assembly.
- 265. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs request that this Court award Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages in the amount of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorney fees, costs, and any other legal or equitable relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Assault

- 266. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 267. Hendon acted with the intent to create a state of fear or danger of harm or offensive contact with T.V.S.
- 268. T.V.S. had a reasonable belief that she would be subject to harm or offensive contact by Hendon.
- 269. T.V.S. experienced fear of such harm or offensive contact in response to Hendon's conduct.
- 270. Hendon's conduct towards T.V.S. was harmful and offensive.

- 271. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions by Hendon towards T.V.S., she has suffered damages.
- 272. Defendants are vicariously liable for the assault.
- 273. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs demand compensatory damages of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorneys' fees, costs, and any other relief this Court may deem is fair and equitable against all Defendants.

FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Battery

- 274. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- 275. Upon information and belief, in his actions towards T.V.S., Hendon engaged in the intentional touching of or application of force to her body and did so in a harmful or offensive manner, and without consent.
- 276. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions of Hendon towards T.V.S., she has suffered damages.
- 277. Defendants are vicariously liable for battery.
- 278. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs demand compensatory damages of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorneys' fees, costs, and any other relief this Court may deem is fair and equitable against all Defendants.

SIXTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Loss of Consortium

- 279. Plaintiffs reincorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully rewritten herein.
- As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants, T.S., as the parent and guardian of T.V.S. has been damaged due to the deprivation of the services, society, companionship, comfort, love, solace and affection of T.V.S. and is entitled to recover for her loss of consortium in an amount to be determined at trial.
- WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand compensatory damages of \$1,000,000.00, punitive damages of \$500,000.00, future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, and other nonpecuniary losses, attorneys' fees, costs, and any other relief this Court may deem is fair and equitable against all Defendants.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs demand trial by jury in this action of all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

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